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SUBJECT: FAO CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: OPENING EVENTS

- 1. FOLLOWING DATA ON OPENING EVENTS OF FAO CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 8-27, 1975, ARE PROVIDED BY N. C. DE CAPRONA, CHIEF OF FAO CONFERENCE, COUNCIL AND PROTOCOL AFFAIRS DIVISION.
- 2. OPENING DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1975, WILL BE DEVOTED TO PROCEDURAL ISSUES, TO DISPOSE OF THEM BEFORE MAIN BUSINESS BEINGS MONDAY. QUESTIONS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS (ALREADY DECIDED BY CHIEFS OF DELEGATION MEETING AT CLOSE OF FAO COUNCIL, SEE U.S. DELEGATION'S REPORT ON 66TH SESSION OF FAO COUNCIL, PAGE 21), MEMBERSHIP AND CREDENTIALS, AND GENERAL CONDUCT OF CONFERENCE BUSINESS WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT DAY. MEMBERSHIP IS PUT AT THIS EARLY POINT OUT OF FAIRNESS TO NEW MEMBERS, TO AFFORD THEM OPPORTUNITY TO PARITICPATE IN ELECTION OF NEW FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL. OPENING OF AFTERNOON SESSION WILL PROBABLY BE LATE, TO PERMIT REPORT ON MORNING'S DELIBERATIONS ON CONDUCT OF CONFERENCE BUSINESS TO BE COMPLETED AND PRESENTED.

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3. AS ALREADY REPORTED IN FAO DOCUMENTS, GRANADA AND BAHAMAS

HAVE APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP. CAPE VERDE HAS JUST SUBMITTED APPLICATION, AND SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, AND MOZAMBIQUE ARE EXPECTED TO DO SO. NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THUS FAR ON ANY OTHER APPLICANTS.

4. BALLOTING FOR NEW FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL PROBABLY, DEPENDING ON SATURDAY DECISIONS ON CONDUCT OF CONFERENCE, WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY MORNING, AS RECOMMENDED BY 65TH COUNCIL MEETING. IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED THAT ONE OR TWO BALLOTS BE TAKEN SATURDAY AFTERNOON TO ENABLE DELEGATIONS TO CONSULT OVER WEEK-END AFTER THAT FIRST CONCRETE SHOW OF CANDIDATES' SUPPORT. ALL THE CANDIDATES OPPOSED THIS, HOWEVER, AND FAVORED MONDAY MORNING.

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